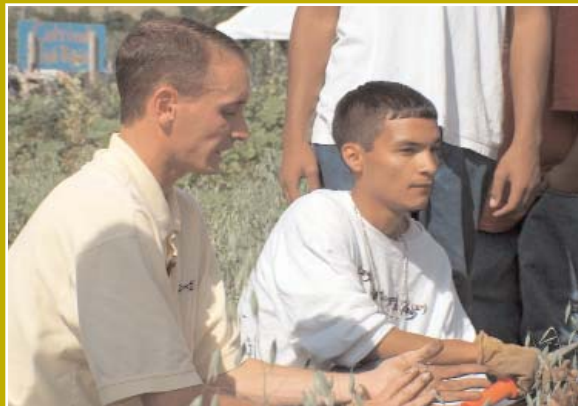


Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)



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The Program

Using this program, farmers and ranchers apply practices that:

- ✓ reduce soil erosion
- ✓ improve water quality and quantity
- ✓ enhance forest land, wetlands, grazing lands, and wildlife habitat
- ✓ improve soil health
- ✓ improve air quality
- ✓ improve pasture and range health
- ✓ reduce upstream flooding
- ✓ improve woodlands
- ✓ address other natural resource issues

Using this program, NRCS is able to:

1. Collect, analyze, interpret, display, and disseminate information about the condition and trends of the Nation's soil and other natural resources (i.e., National Resources Inventory, NRI)
2. Develop effective science-based technologies for natural resource assessment, management, and conservation.
3. Provide technical assistance for planning and implementing natural resource solutions to help landowners reach natural resource goals while getting sound conservation practices onto the land.

The Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA) provides voluntary conservation technical assistance to land-users, communities, units of state and local government, and other Federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. This assistance is for planning and implementing conservation practices that address natural resource issues. It helps people voluntarily conserve, improve, and sustain natural resources.

NRCS services are based on the practical delivery of science-based technology through more than 150 technical standards.

Standards are developed nationally but are customized to meet the needs of Colorado producers. State and local governments that manage local resource programs also use these standards.

